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When we chant the history of our kingdom, we must chant the tale of the warrior who must never be forgotten. The warrior from another world who came bearing infinite power. This is the chant of the mysterious warrior who rescued our kingdom. This is the tale of MAZINGER.

199X... The Fifth Mideast War, long smoldering between Iran and Iraq, spreads throughout the region.

200X... The Soviet Union enters the stalemated Middle East conflict. Tensions soar in Europe.

201X... The Second Korean War erupts between North and South Korea. U.S. and Japanese military aid propels the South to total victory.

202X... The red army invades Europe. U.S. ground and sea forces aid the Europeans.

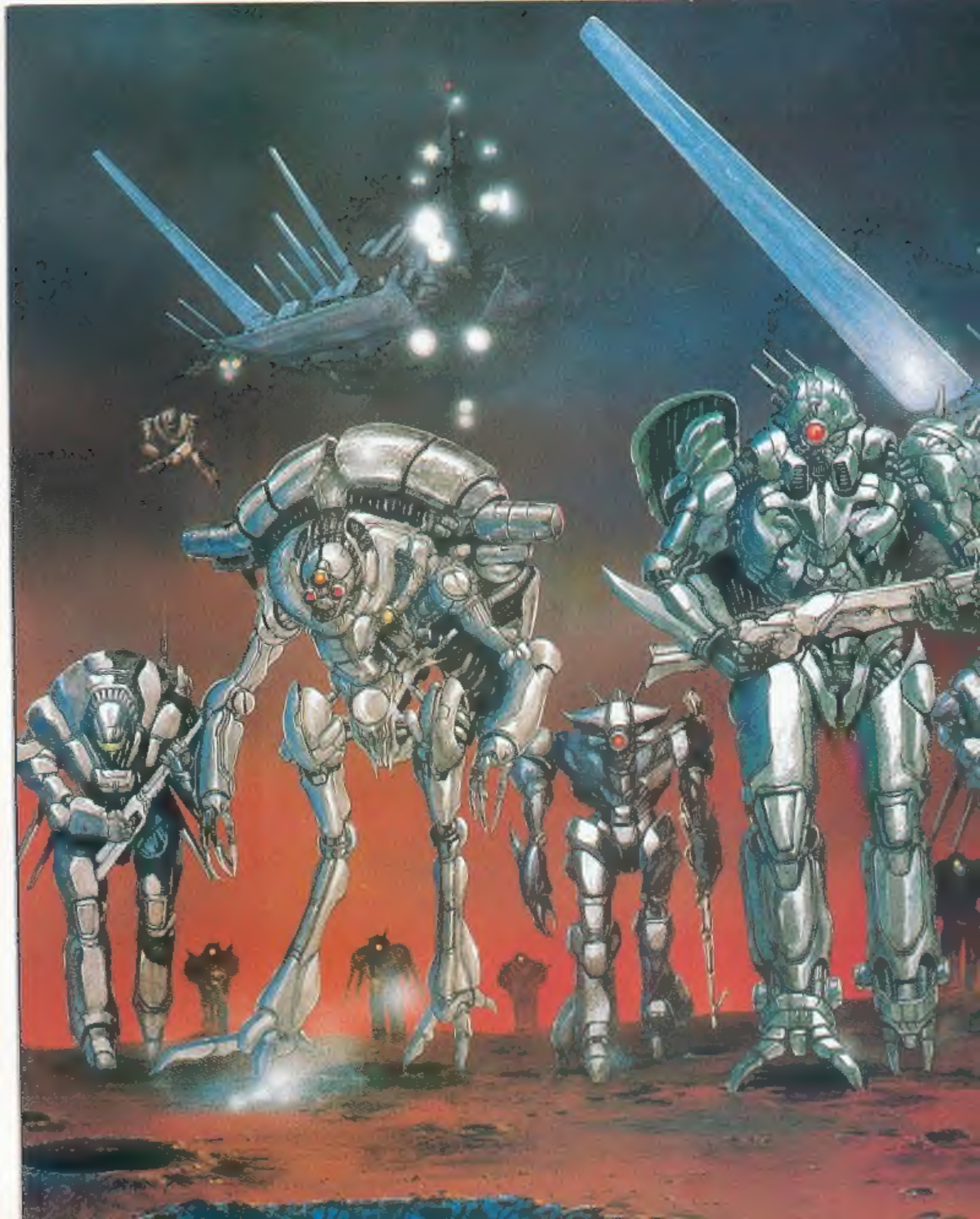
203X... The Soviet Union subdues Europe. China declares war on Moscow. India attacks China. With the U.S. declaration of total war on Moscow, the Earth plunges into World War III.

204X... U.S.-Soviet nuclear confrontation.

206X... Nuclear war and nuclear winter kill 90 percent of mankind. Four out of five nations no longer exist.

214X... The surviving nations realign into northern and southern superpowers. Outbreak of the 100 years war.

The Earth....220X A.D.
CHAN
KA CHUNK
KA CHUNK



KRAKOOO

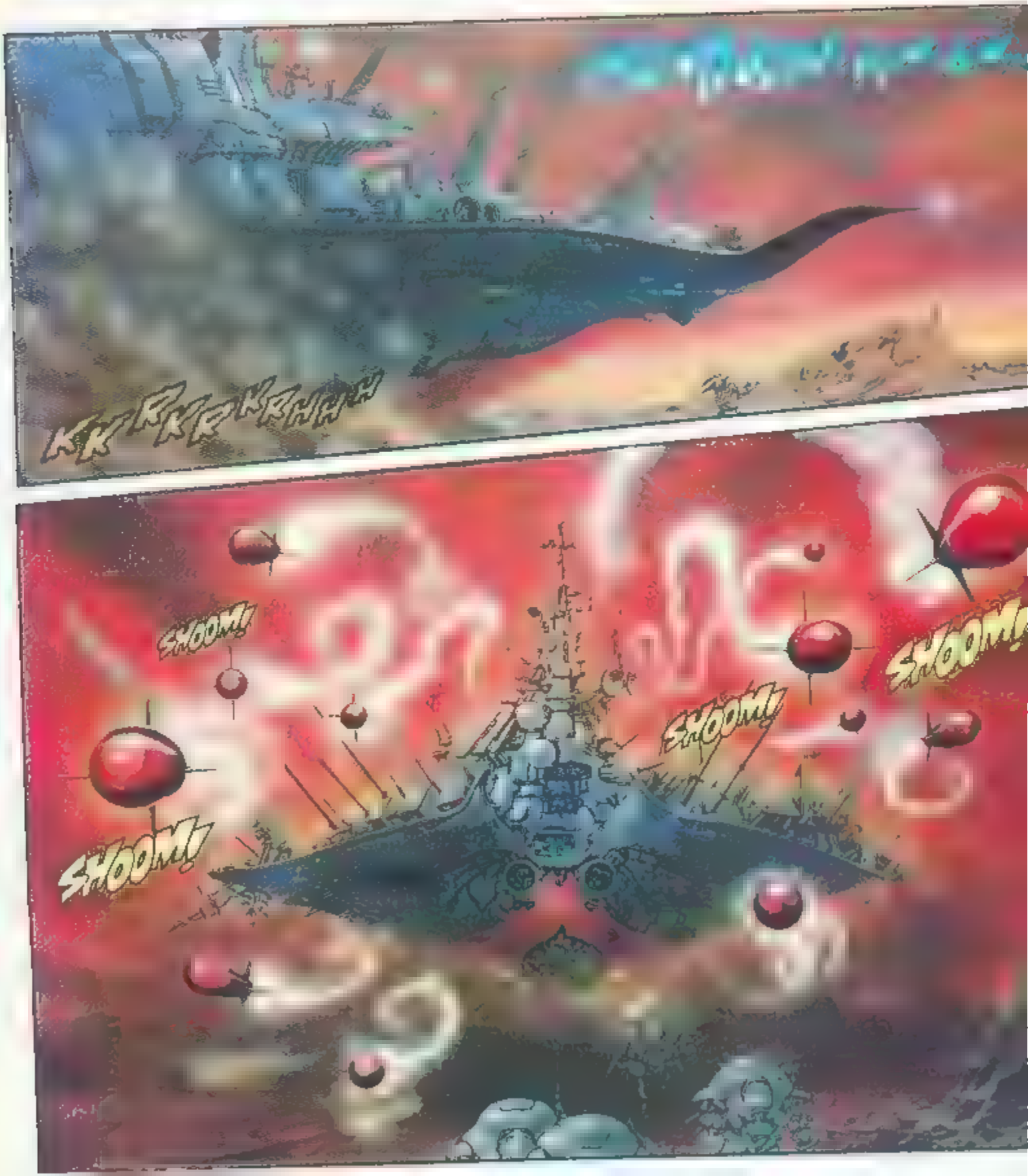
WHHH
WHHH
BA DOW
BA DOW
BA DOW
RRROOOAARR
BOOM!

WHOOM!
ZZZAAA

KILLER
TREVILLE

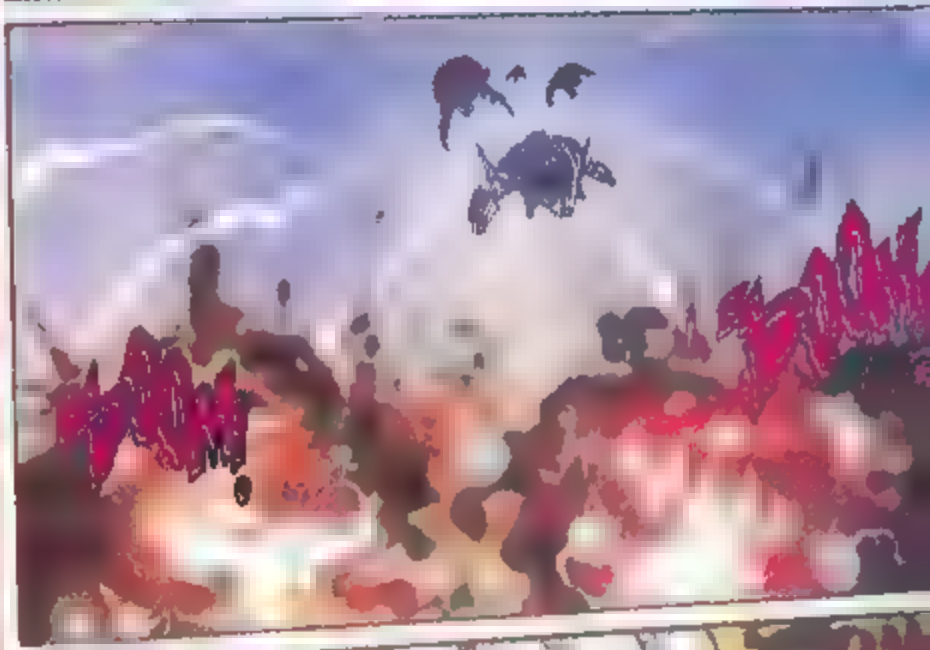
KRAKASHH
VO
M!
DOOM

A.D. 2000X... Hostilities between north and south grow in fury as savage combat with new and ever more destructive weapons lays waste the once pastoral Earth. The remnants of mankind burrow deep beneath the surface. Their citadels, screened against the deadly bath of radiation, poke through the polluted soil like foul, mutant flowers. Their warriors, encased in giant combat armor against the air that once gave man life, live only to fight, and with luck, to fight again.
Today, as every day, the flames of war rage in every corner of the globe. War without quarter. War without end. War for a race that has forgotten all other values of life.

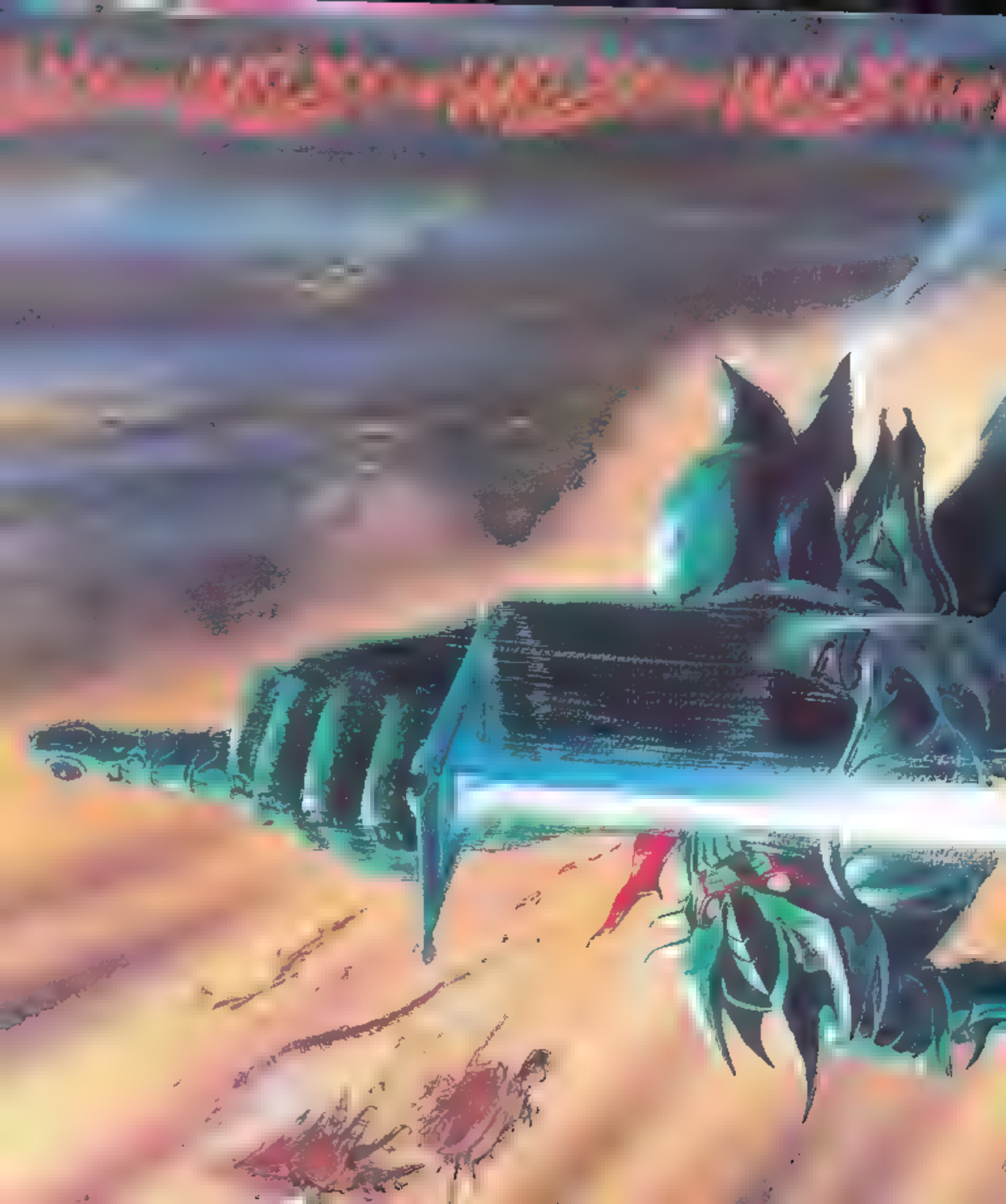

KKKKKKHHH
SHOOM!
SHOOM!
SHOOM!
SHOOM!

WHAM!
IZZHIIING!
IZZHIIING!
WHAT'S THE LATEST BATTLE REPORT?
WORSE THAN EVER
THE ENEMY IS USING A NEW COMBAT ARMOR
JERK! WHAT DO YOU EXPECT?
ARE YOU SOME KIND OF COWARD?!
I'VE GOT A BUDDY WHO'S SEEN ME THROUGH A HUNDRED BATTLES!
SAY IT BROTHER

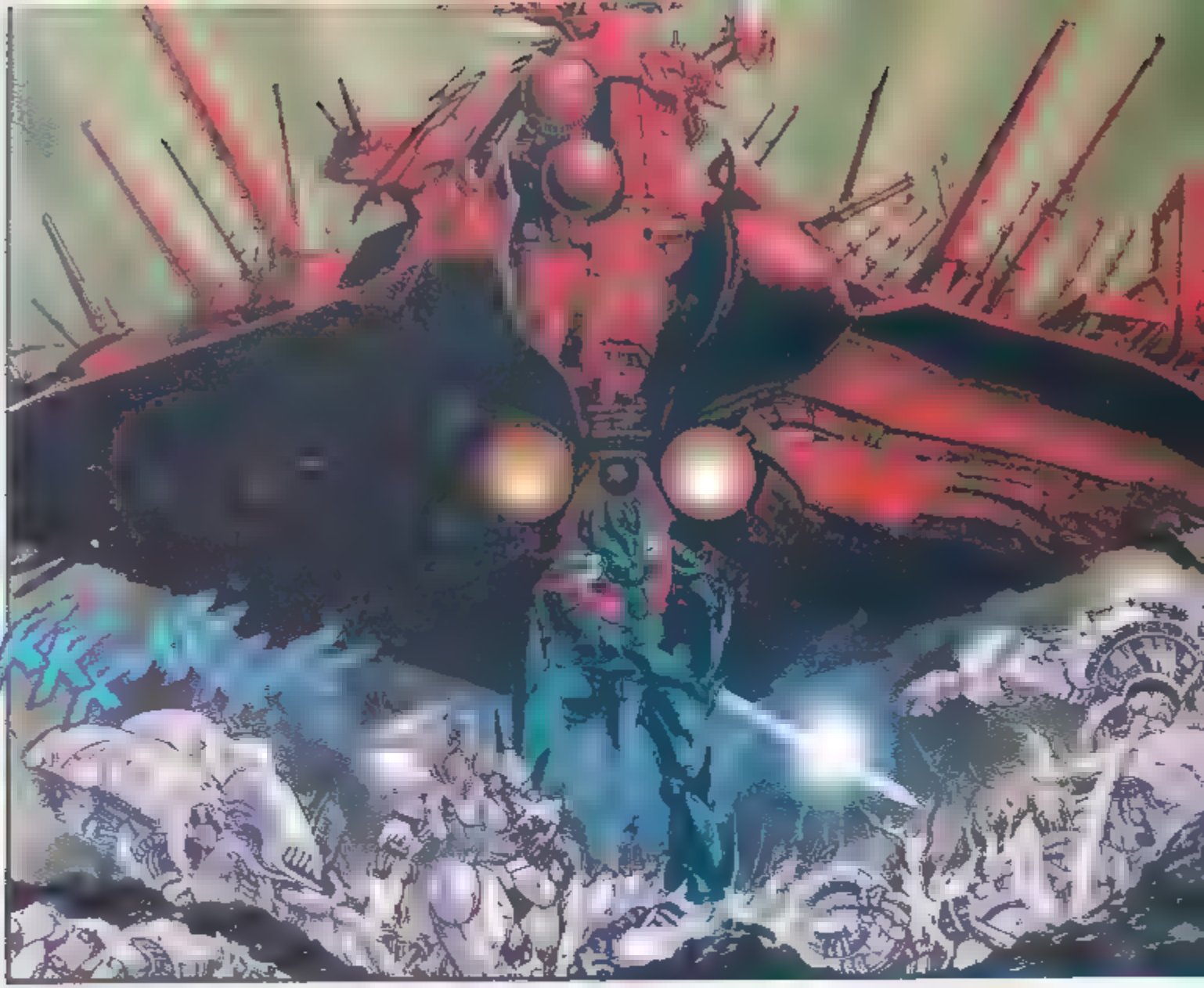
HE'S IN PERFECT SHAPE, MAJOR!
THINK JACK
FLICK CLICK



DIZZY HEAT!



AHHH!
INC!
SLAK
THUD!



DAMN' THEIR BATTLE CRUISER

KABOOM!
KABOOM!

At that instant the horrendous destructive force of the enemy dreadnaught was unleashed. Now as rarely before in history an abnormal resonance of space time created a vortex. Chance and man's unbridled violence combined to rend the already weakened fabric of the universe. For one c... moment a wormhole opened...
...ombat Robot MAZINGER, the crowning masterpiece of Earth's subterranean arse... was plucked helpless from the heat of battle and flung into another universe newest inhabitant of a dimensional plane ...ce resembling and yet totally unlike ...at of Earth

KA-DON KA-DON KA-DON KA-DON

CURSE YOU, ZARD!

SHOOM

EEEEEEE

OWW..

THUD!

THIS IS YOUR LAST RIDE, PRINCESS KRISHNA.

WITH YOUR DEATH SO DIES YOUR KINGDOM!

BOOM!

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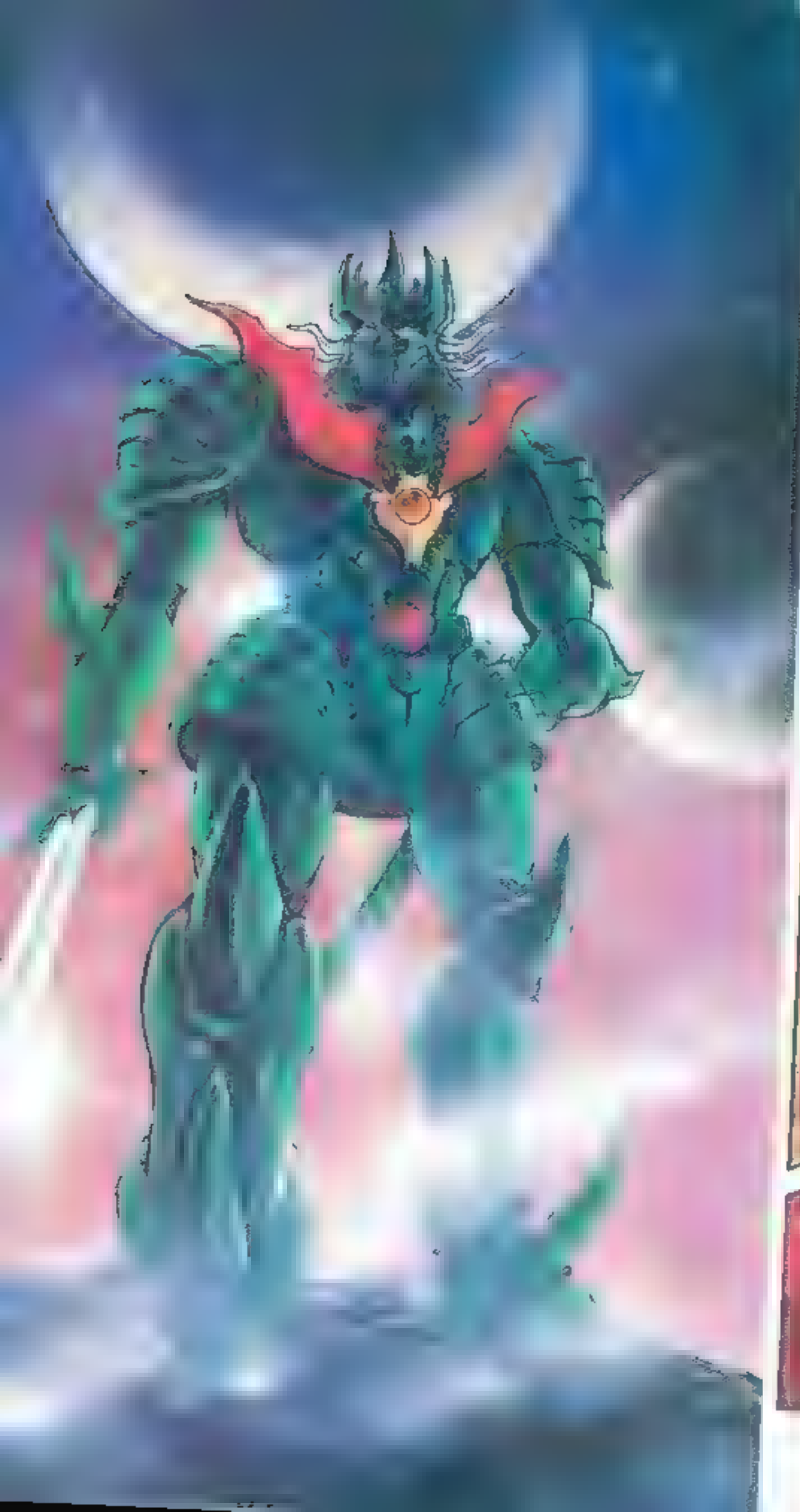
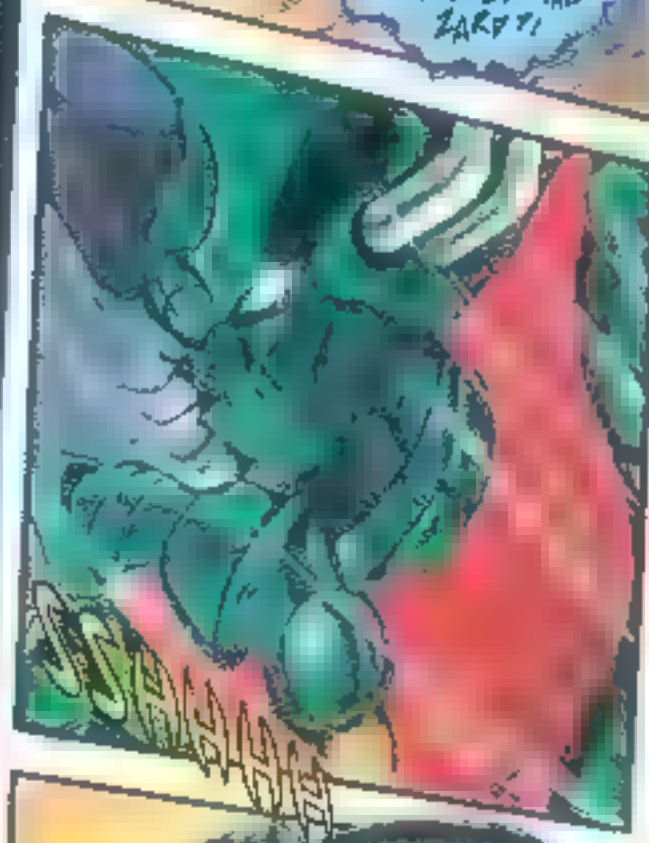
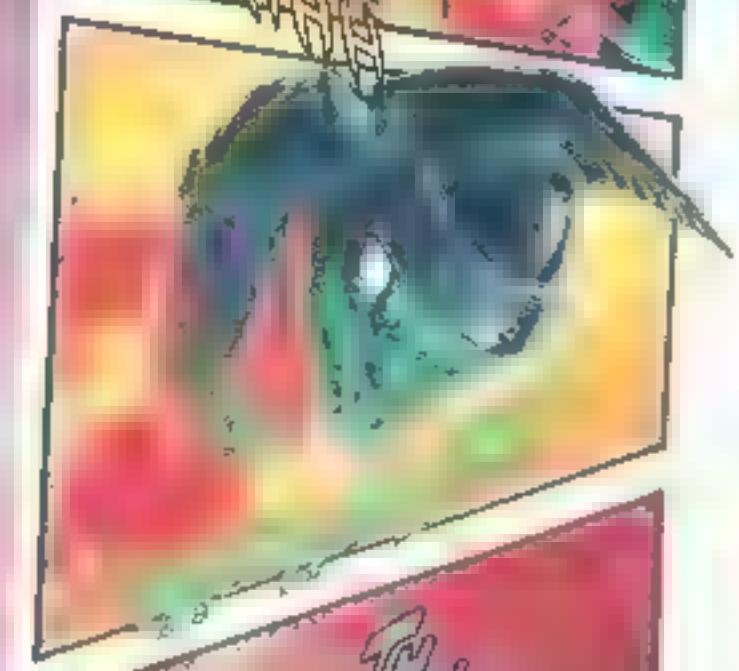
SWUUOOOOOO!

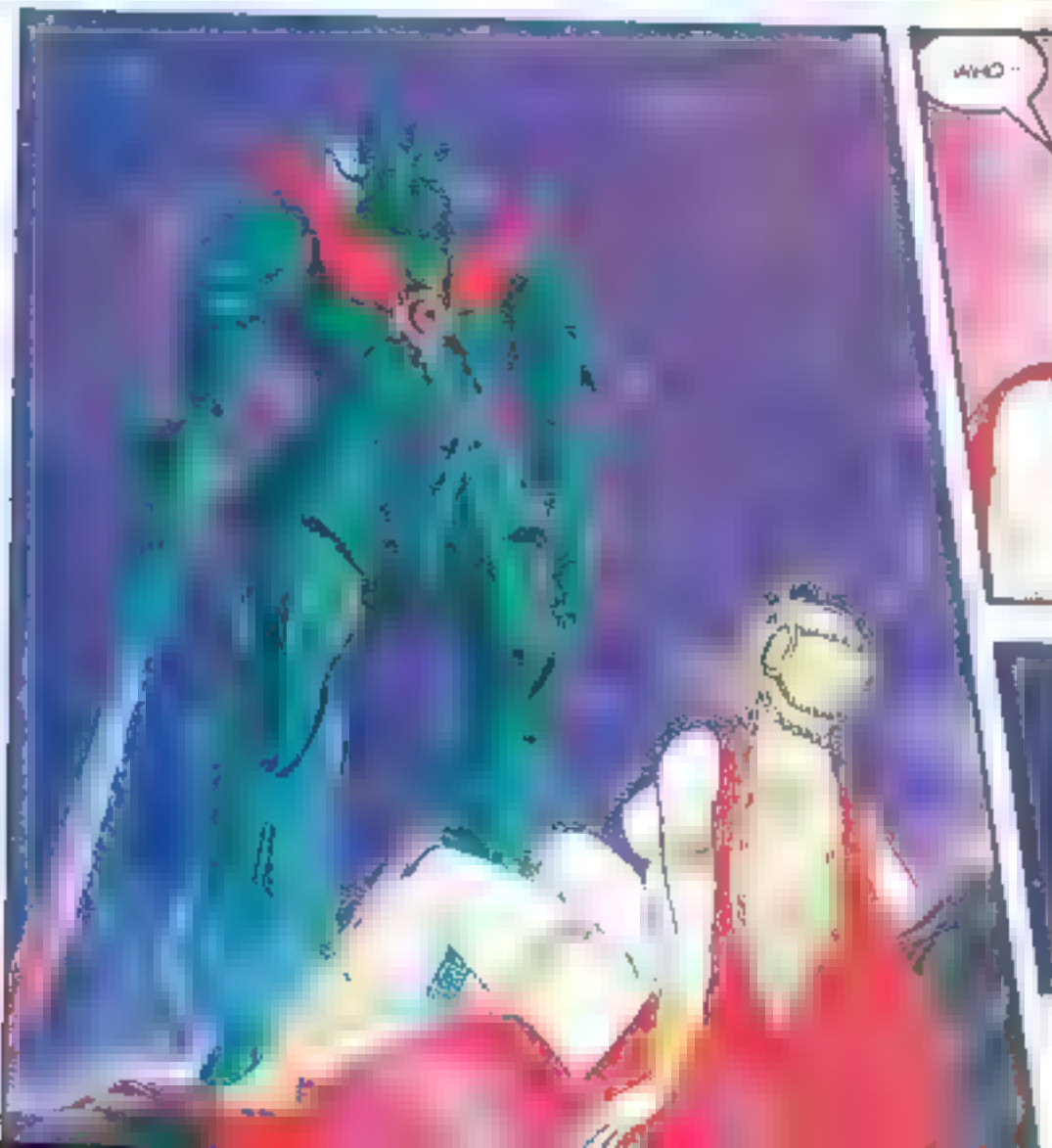


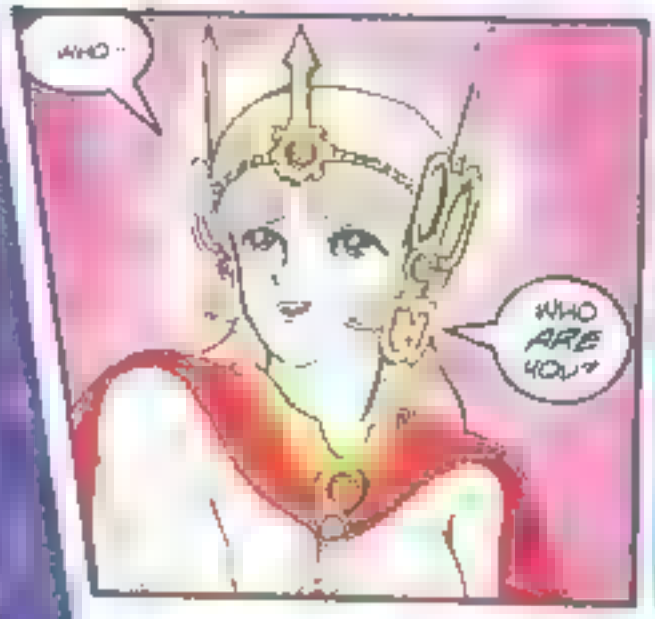
WHO DARES CHALLENGE THE ZARD?!





THUMP!




WHO...
WHO ARE YOU?

WAR HAS SWEPT OVER US LIKE A WHIRLWIND..

THERE CAN BE NO TURNING BACK
AND YET..
WE STRUGGLE WITHOUT ANY HOPE OF VICTORY

For it had come to pass that LITHGOR Kingdom of the Princess Krishna was in time of deadly peril.

Peril greater by far than any in the age of our forefathers. Greater than in our earliest history, at the dawn of our world. Before the remorseless march of the newly risen ZARD EMPIRE, no human land could long endure. Only LITHGOR now remained, its back against an uncaring sea.

The ZARD, brutal reptile spawn of th southern deserts, were a race beyond a race that cared only for war. Only th incandescent forge of battle could wa the coldblooded ZARD.

Mankind could not long stand before the reptile advance. Step by step our ancestors were repulsed, their backs against the angry waves. Chivalrous and valiant, they struggled in vain against a lizard mind which would stop at nothing in pursuit of victory.

The High King of LITHGOR, a noble and upright man, desirous of peace and for an end to the destruction of our beautiful world, overruled his council to seek a truce with the lizard emperor. But treaty was but mask for treachery an iron trap set by the ZARD.

ZARD warriors leaped from concealment like vultures to slaughter. The table was riven, the valley of peace ran with blood.

er, King of LITHGOR, died
zard warrior's mindless sword.

And only Krishna alone escaped to tell our people of all that had come to pass.

The fate of our kingdom, the fate of our race, depended on our princess, fair of visage, young of years...

THERE IS SOMETHING I WOULD ASK OF YOU TO WHOM I OWE MY LIFE

THERE IS NO SWORDSMAN IN ALL OUR KINGDOM TO MATCH YOUR SKILL

LEND US YOUR SWORD I BEG YOU, IN DEFENSE OF OUR KINGDOM

YOU CUT THROUGH THE ZARD CAVALRY IN AN INSTANT. YOU WERE... AWESOME

I BESEECH YOU, WARRIOR KNIGHT STAND BY MY PEOPLE IN OUR HOUR OF NEED!

I AM MERELY A PASSING TRAVELLER.

THE PROBLEMS OF YOUR KINGDOM ARE OF NO CONCERN TO ME.

AND YET...

PRINCESS KRISHNA, IF YOU WISH I SHALL DESTROY ALL YOUR ENEMIES SINGLE-HANDED FOR YOU ALONE

PRINCESS, YOU ARE SHE OF WHOM I HAVE ALWAYS DREAMED

PERFECTION INCARNATE PERFECTION, EXCEPT...

HE...

IF I WILL WIN ME YOUR LOVE.

I WILL TENDER MY POWER TO SERVE YOUR CAUSE

AND MY POWER PRINCESS-

MY POWER IS GREATER THAN YOU CAN EVER DREAM!

SO

SO THAT IS YOUR DESIRE

I AM A PRINCESS BUT I AM ALSO A WOMAN

I TOO, HAVE SEEN ONE LIKE YOU IN MY DREAMS

I TOO, WANT LOVE I TOO WANT HAPPINESS

AND YET.

AS THE LEADER OF MY PEOPLE I MUST PLACE THEIR HAPPINESS ABOVE MY OWN.

BUT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO SECURE YOUR AID THEN I SURRENDER MYSELF TO YOUR DESIRE

PRINCESS! A WORD OF CAUTION!!

DO YOU NOT CARE WHAT FACE HIDES BEHIND THIS MASK?! WILL YOU PROMISE NOT TO RETRACT YOUR WORDS?

!?

BENEATH THIS ARMOR IS A FORM YOU CANNOT POSSIBLY IMAGINE

I COME FROM ANOTHER WORLD, A WORLD COMPLETELY UNLIKE YOUR OWN

I AM NOT LIKE THE MEN OF YOUR WORLD!

H. YES

YOU FRIGHTEN ME. MY WORD AND YET YOU SURPRISE ME NOT YOUR SPEED IN BATTLE AND THE GLOW OF YOUR SWORD WAS NOT OF THIS WORLD AND YET

IT DOES NOT MATTER WHATEVER YOUR WORLD.

WHATEVER YOUR FORM IT DOES NOT MATTER

I WILL LOVE YOU IF THAT BE MY DESTINY

REMOVE YOUR HELMET.

CA-SHUUMANX

AH!

BOY AM I TIRED!

PHEW!

BEING STUFFED INTO THESE MACHINES REALLY WEARS ME OUT!

PRINCESS, YOU'RE THE FINEST WOMAN I'VE EVER KNOWN

STRAIGHT FROM MY DREAMS

EXCEPT FOR ONE LITTLE DETAIL

WE'RE THE WRONG DAMN SIZE!

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

I FINALLY FIND THE WORLD I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF BLUE SKIES, GREEN VALLEYS ADVENTURE AND ROMANCE! I MEET A BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS SHE SWEARS ETERNAL LOVE AND JUST LOOK AT US!

THE GODS ARE CRUEL.

WHAT ARE YOU? ARE YOU FROM THE LAND OF FAERIE?

MY SIZE MAY BE DIFFERENT BUT AM I NOT HUMAN JUST LIKE YOU?

THIS WARRIOR IS MY MACHINE

SIZES ARE DIFFERENT IN THIS WORLD?

YOUR GRAV THIS WEAKER BUT THE ATMOSPHERES THE SAME

I DON'T UNDERSTAND PERHAPS AT THE SUB ATOMIC LEVEL MASS ITSELF IS DIFFERENT HERE

OOF!

HOW CUTE!

HEH HEH HEH!

I'VE HEARD ANCIENT LEGENDS ABOUT THE LITTLE PEOPLE. THERE ONCE WAS A MAN FROM THE WORLD OF FABRIE. I BELIEVE HIS NAME WAS... SWIFT.

SWIFT? I'VE HEARD THAT NAME!

YEAH.

JONATHAN SWIFT! HE WROTE, WHAT WAS IT, "GULLIVER'S TRAVELS"?!

HE WAS HERE?!

THEN MAYBE THIS, THIS "GATEWAY" I FELL THROUGH, IS ALWAYS THERE, WAITING FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT THE RIGHT COINCIDENCE.

OH, WHAT A REVIEW!

NOW I WON'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE LOVING YOU

I GUESS NOT TO YOU I'M JUST A PERFECT PET DAMN!

GYAOO-ON!

GYAOO-ON!

NOKYON-KYON

LET THEM COME!

DON'T ADVANCE UNTIL I GIVE THE SIGN

I'LL MEET THEM FIRST. ALONE.

WHAT?! ALL ALONE.

TRUST IN ME. I TOLD YOU, PRINCESS, MY POWER IS BEYOND YOUR WILDEST DREAMS.

HEE-YAH!

THUD!

COME AND GET IT, LIZARD MEN!

KA-CHUNK

KA-CHUNK

FAMAMAFF!!
K-CHUNG!

WHOOSH

THE TORNADO!

MY LORD!

PRINCESS!

BOOM

KRAK

!!!

BOOM!

THUMP!

WHA--?

WHERE AM I?

EARTH..?

I'M BACK! THE EXPLOSIONS MUST HAVE THROWN ME THROUGH THE WARP AGAIN!

BACK ON THIS FILTHY PLANET!

HEY! KABUTO! WHERE THE *HELL* HAVE YOU BEEN?! WE'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR YOU FOR A *MONTH!*

A MONTH!

DOES A SINGLE DAY IN HER WORLD EQUAL ONE MONTH IN OURS?

OR DOES CROSSING DIMENSIONS WARP TIME ITSELF?

I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD, MAN!

DEAD! IT KES MORE THAN HAT TO KILL MAZINGER!

THIS IS THE *MEANEST* MACHINE ON EARTH!

I'VE JUST BEEN ON A LITTLE ADVENTURE

AN ADVENTURE?

SORT OF...

WELL, YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME IF I TOLD YOU!

IT WAS JUST THIS PLACE

A WORLD OF BEAUTIFUL DREAMS. A WORLD OF ROMANCE AND ADVENTURE. EARTHMEN HAVE FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT SUCH THINGS

WE'RE JUST LIKE *LIZARDS*. A BUNCH OF LIZARDS, FIGHTING FOR OUR CHUNK OF DESERT. AND THERE I WAS THINKING I WAS LIKE YOU, PRINCESS, THINKING I WAS JUST LIKE YOU. WHEN ALL I AM IS ANOTHER ZARD.

HEY, MAN, ARE YOU ALL-- *LOOK OUT!*

ENEMY DREADNAUGHT!

WELCOME BACK TO *REALITY*, MAZINGER!

ALL RIGHT! LET'S MOVE OUT!!

THIS WORLD AIN'T PRETTY. BUT IT'S MINE!

I'LL KEEP FIGHTING, MY LOVE, UNTIL I SEE YOU AGAIN! TILL THE END OF TIME!